

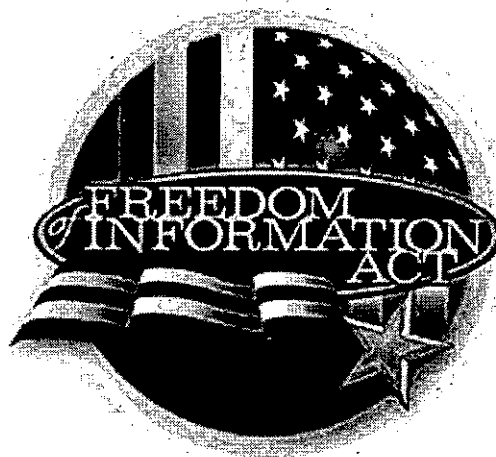
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**SUBJECT: (COINTELPRO)**

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 1/20/71

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3687) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT

Re Knoxville letter 7/17/70.

On 1/14/71, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (UT), Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that the majority of the "Knoxville 22" who were arrested during the disturbances 1/15/70, at UT for inciting a riot and disturbing the peace have been convicted in Knox County Criminal Court and have received fines ranging from \$25.00 to \$300.00 and/or sentences in the Knox County Workhouse from ten days to six months. He stated that the leader of this demonstration was the only one convicted on the felony charge of inciting a riot and he received a two-year prison term; however, he is appealing his case.

[REDACTED] stated that cases of seven of the above are still to be heard on 2/23/71.

In addition, the cases of the 36 to 40 individuals who were arrested for disorderly conduct and for disturbing a religious ceremony 5/28/70, are to be presented before the Knox County Grand Jury starting 1/18/71. This action involved the appearance of President NIXON at the BILLY GRAHAM Crusade being held in Knoxville, Tennessee, during the latter part of May, 1970.

Knox County Attorney General RONALD WEBSTER has indicated he plans to prosecute these defendants as vigorously as the "Knoxville 22" individuals were prosecuted.

At the present time the Knoxville Division does not have any suggestions for any counter-intelligence action, and contact is being maintained with the SSD at UT and the Knoxville PD concerning this matter. If any information is

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received regarding possible counter-intelligence activity,  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 7/17/70

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3687) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT

Re Knoxville letter 2/19/70.

On 7/6/70, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that 30 to 50 hippie-type individuals both students and non-students appear to be causing all the discontent on the UT campus. He advised that the majority of these individuals have returned home for the summer and at present no problem exists on the UT Campus.

[REDACTED] stated that the last week in May, 1970, BILLY GRAHAM conducted a religious crusade at Neyland Stadium on the UT campus and that on the night of 5/28/70, President NIXON visited Knoxville and made a short speech at this crusade. He said that several students met and formulated plans to embarrass President NIXON when he spoke. Stated approximately 300 students seated as a group in the stadium and when President NIXON spoke they harrassed him and used profane language during this speech. One individual, the leader of the group, was immediately arrested and escorted from the stadium. [REDACTED] stated that movies of this activity were taken. After the service was over, Knoxville Police Department officers arrested 8 or 9 other individuals for disturbing a religious service and the next day films of the dissident group were observed and eventually approximately 37 individuals were identified and later arrested for disturbing a religious ceremony. He stated all of these individuals except two were bound over to the Knox County Grand Jury for disturbing a religious ceremony and for using profane language.

[REDACTED] stated that officers of the SSD as well as officers of the Knoxville Police Department are continually trying to obtain information that can be used to arrest the 30 to 50 troublemakers. He said that any little thing that can be used against these students is used to combat their activities.

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[REDACTED] further advised that recently the Board of Trustees at UT met and the majority of the trustees were very unhappy concerning the treatment that President NIXON received when he visited Knoxville and the disturbance that occurred 1/15/70, on the UT campus when 22 students and non-students were arrested and bound over to the Grand Jury.

[REDACTED] stated that the Board of Trustees indicated that this type of activity is going to be stopped and that more stringent rules and regulations concerning non-students as well as students are to be formulated so that with the coming of the next school year there will be no more incidents happen like this.

At present the Knoxville Division does not have any suggestions for any counter-intelligence action and contact is being maintained with the SSD at UT and the Knoxville PD concerning this matter. If any information is received regarding possible counter-intelligence activity, the Bureau will be advised and Bureau authority will be obtained before instituting this program.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3687) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT

DATE: 10/28/69

Re Bureau letter 7/8/69.

On 10/24/69

[REDACTED], Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that no Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) or Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) or any other New Left organization is active and organized on this campus at present.. He stated that a few former SSOC members have returned for the Fall Quarter, along with some new "hippie" individuals.

The Knoxville Division has not received any information concerning any New Left organizations active in any other college within this division.

In view of the above, the Knoxville Division at this time does not have any suggestion for counterintelligence action. Contact is being maintained with the [REDACTED] regarding any organization that may become active and if any information is received regarding possible counterintelligence activity, the Bureau will be advised and Bureau authority will be obtained before instituting this program.

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Reurlet 6/24/69.

Referenced letter states that there was no potential offered for the Counterintelligence Program in your division; that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), despite an announcement in May, 1969, that it intended to organize a chapter at the University of Tennessee, had failed to do so; and that persons active in the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) at other colleges in your division had graduated.

You concluded that since school officials were doing everything in their power to prevent New Left organizations from gaining a foothold on college and university campuses, it would be possible to close your file on the Counterintelligence Program.

In view of the serious violence which occurred on campuses during the last academic year, many of which were spontaneous, and in view of the fact that there has been no evidence whatsoever to substantiate the conclusion that the New Left's efforts on the Nation's campuses are abating, you should not close out this Program in your office. During this period of abated activity by the New Left, you should prepare for and seek new ways of arresting the attacks by the New Left which will, in all probability, develop during the coming academic year.

Information has been received that SDS is making plans to organize in the vacuum created by the demise of SSOC. You should thoroughly review this problem as it relates to your division and advise whether efforts can be taken to frustrate any attempts to organize SDS in your territory.

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NOTE: Quarterly letter by Knoxville indicated that it plans to close its Counterintelligence Program in view of the fact neither SDS nor SSOC is active in its division.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 6/24/69

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3687) (C)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT

Re Knoxville letter dated 3/25/69.

The Knoxville Division does not have any potential or pending counterintelligence program pending at the present.

On 5/21/69 and 6/11/69, [REDACTED]

Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) is not active on the campus at present in view of the fact that only a few students and non students remain here after the Spring Quarter ended. This organization has not been recognized as a campus organization.

In addition, [REDACTED] stated that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) announced in May 1969, that they were going to organize a chapter at UT; however, they have had no meetings to organize and the faculty adviser has left UT and gone to Canada. He stated this organization appears to be inactive; however, the SSD has been alerted to obtain all information they can concerning SSOC and SDS.

(Greenwood, Tenn)

Information received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], and [REDACTED] indicate that the Appalachian Student Organizing Committee, affiliate of SSOC, is active at Tusculum College and that persons in leadership capacity with this organization have graduated and left the Greeneville, Tennessee area.

[REDACTED] of the South, Seawanee, Tennessee, recently advised that [REDACTED] instructor at this school, was one of the individuals who attempted to organize SSOC at the school; however, they have been unsuccessful. He stated that [REDACTED] is to leave this school soon.

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In view of the above, the Knoxville Division, at this time, does not have any suggestions for counter-intelligence action. Contact is being maintained with the above individuals regarding any possible counterintelligence activity and if any information is received the Bureau will be advised immediately. It should be noted that the above individuals have stated that they are doing everything within their power to prevent these organizations from getting a foothold at these colleges and universities.

This case is being placed in a closed status and if any possible potential counterintelligence program received Bureau authority will be requested.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 3/25/69

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3687) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT

Re Knoxville letter dated 1/29/69.

The following is being submitted to the Bureau for information. The Knoxville Division does not have any potential or pending counterintelligence program pending at the present.

On 3/18/69 [REDACTED] University of Tennessee (UT), Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), has not been accepted by the UT administration as a campus recognized organization and that this organization may have difficulty in being accepted.

In addition, [REDACTED] stated the SSOC at times tries to confront UT officials and the SSD and invite them to meetings, etc., in order to obtain publicity; however, they remain behind the scenes and allow the SSOC to do anything within reason, knowing that their prime objective is to "corner them" on certain issues in public before curious UT students present.

[REDACTED] stated the SSD is alert and is using everything within their power to disrupt the SSOC and any other organization they feel not worthy to be on the UT campus.

[REDACTED] advised 3/5/69 that two plain-clothes UT policemen recently arrested an individual stealing books at the Campus Book Store and when they arrested the subject, [REDACTED] SSOC member, came up and interfered with the officers and indicated that he would act as counsel and followed the three to the police car. At this time the police officers told [REDACTED] not to interfere and when he continued to do so, he was placed under arrest and was released under \$250.00 bond for disorderly conduct. This arrest occurred 2/27/69 on the UT campus.

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In addition, information was furnished by the Knoxville Office to the SSD that a rally was to be held in front of the Administration Building and the SSD was of the opinion that some students might attempt to go inside the building where the Board of Trustees were meeting.

[REDACTED] stated that during this rally a UT delivery truck was parked in front of the entrance of the Administration Building and that all during this demonstration UT employees loaded and unloaded new furniture into the building. [REDACTED] stated that the employees carried in the same desks and chairs and then returned them back into the truck until the demonstration dispersed. He stated that the truck was used to block the front entrance and that it was almost impossible for the demonstrators to gain entry except on an individual basis. He further stated that several campus policemen were stationed inside the building to cope with the situation.

In the 3/7/69 edition of the Knoxville Journal, a daily publication, Knoxville, Tennessee, an article appeared on page 1 captioned "Attempts Of New Left To Make Inroads With Students Seen Failing".

This article was very critical of the new left activities at high schools and colleges throughout the United States being sponsored by the SSOC and the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

In the 3/4/69 issue of the "UT Daily Beacon", a student publication at UT, an article appeared indicating that the President of the Student Government Association was critical of the SSOC planned demonstration to be held 3/6/69. This article indicated that this demonstration would only serve to further inflame tensions and will be interpreted as coercive or threatening.

In the 2/27/69 issue of the Knoxville Journal an article indicated that a new student group called the Majority Coalition had been organized on the UT campus in support

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of the Administration. In several recent issues the articles have indicated two petitions would be circulated among the students, one being to praise the Administration for trying to improve education and the second one condemning the Student Government Association and other student groups on the campus for their censure of President ANDREW HOLT and other officials at UT.

In the 3/10/69 issue of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, a daily publication, Knoxville, an article appeared that the Majority Coalition group at UT had conducted their petition campaign and the committee indicated that approximately 4,000 names on these petitions will be presented to President HOLT.

Other articles appearing in newspapers in the Knoxville area and the "UT Daily Beacon" have been critical of the SSOC activities in attempting to organize student riot groups in high schools and colleges.

In view of this, the Knoxville Division at this time does not have any suggestions for counterintelligence action. Contact is being maintained with the SSD, UT, regarding any and if any information is received regarding possible counterintelligence activity, the Bureau will be advised and Bureau authority will be requested.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 1/29/69

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3687) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT

Re Knoxville letter dated 11/26/68.

The following is being submitted to the Bureau for information. The Knoxville Division does not have any potential or pending counterintelligence program pending at the present.

[REDACTED]

University of Tennessee (U-T), Knoxville, Tennessee, advised 1/20/69 that the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) at U-T has not been recognized as a campus organization by the U-T administration and indicated the administration has not recognized SSOC in view of the fact that a non-student is included on the organizational board, the aims and objectives of SSOC were not specifically stated in the constitution and that the connection with the national organization at Nashville, Tennessee, was not clear.

He stated that the SSOC is in the process of submitting another constitution to U-T for approval; however, SSD and U-T officials are trying everything in their power to prevent this organization from being recognized. He stated if the organization abides by all the requirements set forth by the administration, they will have to be recognized; however, the SSD during the past months has made a determined effort to find out everything about the SSOC. They have contacted other schools regarding the organization and the SSD has one of their employees attend meetings and associate with the small SSOC group at U-T in order to obtain factual information concerning SSOC.

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[redacted] stated that any information the SSD obtains regarding possession of drugs or pills in possession of U-T students and SSOC members has and is being furnished to the Knoxville Police Department and numerous raids and arrests have been made in this matter. In addition, a former female student during the last quarter at U-T but presently not attending U-T is associating with some SSOC students and [redacted] has indicated that the SSD is considering having the Dean of Women write to this student's parents in Virginia and inform them that she is not in school and is associating with undesirables and that the parents might want to visit or contact her. [redacted] stated this is being done and it is his opinion that the parents think their daughter is still attending school.

In addition, [redacted] stated the SSOC at times tries to confront U-T officials and the SSD and invite them to meetings, etc., in order to obtain publicity; however, they remain behind the scenes and allow the SSOC to do anything within reason, knowing that their prime objective is to "corner them" on certain issues in public before curious U-T students present.

[redacted] stated the SSD is alert and is using everything within their power to disrupt the SSOC and any other organization they feel not worthy to be on the U-T campus.

He stated that the "Paperbag", published by a member of the SSOC at U-T, has become defunct and only two issues were issued in the Fall of 1968. He stated no money could be obtained in order to publish this paper, which is not allowed to be sold on the campus.

The SSOC is having a hard time getting organized on the campus at U-T and only six or seven students seem to be actively involved. The SSD is working very hard in order to do anything to disrupt or cause embarrassment to SSOC members.

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In view of this, the Knoxville Division at this time does not have any suggestions for counterintelligence action. Contact is being maintained with the SSD, U-T, regarding any and if any information is received regarding possible counterintelligence activity, the Bureau will be advised and Bureau authority will be requested.



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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-446997) *20217 and  
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DATE: 11/26/68

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3687) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT

Re Knoxville letters dated 5/31/68, 6/13/68 and 7/2/68.

The following is being submitted to the Bureau for information in reference to the captioned matter:

The Knoxville Division does not have any potential or pending counterintelligence program approved by the Bureau at present.

In October, 1968, the Southern Students Organizing Committee (SSOC) started holding organizational meetings on the University of Tennessee (U-T) campus. They were allowed to hold three organizational meetings in order to establish a constitution and present same to U-T administration for approval. As of this date SSOC has not been approved; however, after the third meeting SSOC obtained space in the Student Center under a different name. The Security and Safety Department (SSD) at U-T became aware of this and prevented SSOC from holding further meetings.

The SSD at U-T has two U-T students, one who is an employee of the department, who are associated with the "in group" of SSOC and are reporting on the activities of the SSOC. These sources are providing valuable information regarding pertinent SSOC activity which is furnished by [REDACTED] U-T, to the Knoxville Office. Any other information regarding drugs and other matters are furnished to the local police and Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification.

These sources furnish advanced information regarding coming SSOC meetings, protests and other activities of SSOC on the campus.

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For example, advanced information was furnished by one source regarding a group of college students, some SSOC members, holding a weekend meeting at Laurel Lake, Townsend, Tennessee. This information was furnished to the Knoxville Office, who contacted the Blount County Sheriff's Office, who, in turn, contacted the manager of the camp. Later, the manager found the group violating the beer ordinance on the camp premises and when the Sheriff's Office was called, the group rapidly dispersed prior to arrival of the police.

It should be noted that there are approximately seven to ten individuals who are actively involved in getting the SSOC organized at U-T, who are described as the "hippie" type.

One source of [REDACTED] furnished advanced information regarding a press conference of a U-T student on 10/25/68 at the Main Post Office, Knoxville, Tennessee, in order to publicize the New Party (DICK GREGORY for President). This individual's apartment had previously been raided by local authorities and Secret Service and GREGORY one-dollar bills confiscated.

One source provided information regarding this U-T student hiding out at Greeneville, Tennessee, over the weekend after this press conference and this student reported to have been scared to death because of the raid and later heard a warrant was out for his arrest; however, this was a warrant obtained by his parents to have him committed to Eastern State Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee, for examination and will only be released upon authority of the parents.

At the start of the school year, 1968, at U-T the controversial open speaker policy has been a big issue and some students, along with SSOC members, demand students have the right to invite any speaker and the names of DICK GREGORY and ELDRIDGE CLEAVER were submitted to speak; however, U-T officials would not O.K. the speakers because of their radical background. The new Chancellor at U-T, CHARLES WEAVER, has indicated the school should have the final say in this matter and no speaker will be invited to speak at U-T who will embarrass the school because of remarks he may make. WEAVER has indicated that he will never give in to the demands of students regarding anyone

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to speak on the campus; however, this issue is still in a pending status.

The SSOC and other students have been attempting to confront the administration at U-T and sources have provided advanced information to the SSD and this department has taken preventive measures not to allow SSOC to obtain any unnecessary publicity. The SSD is of the opinion with the background information they have regarding operation of SSOC to date, it will not be recognized as a campus-approved organization.

One source provided advanced information that on 11/26/68 the SSOC is to sponsor a Hyde Park Day Rally/Bitch-In to be held at Noon at the Student Center to discuss complaints of students with U-T officials. SSD has advised U-T officials and campus police will not appear in view of fact that SSOC appears to be using this rally as a publicity measure to further their aims on the campus.

SSOC members have reported they are very disgusted because they have not received any publicity in regard to police-student incidents on the campus and are trying everything to get this publicity but are not receiving it. Local police and U-T police are making weekly raids regarding students and non-students in possession of drugs and narcotics, some of this information which was originally furnished by the two above-mentioned sources of SSOC.

In addition, the SSD will not allow new left literature to be distributed on the campus and if any material is found, it is immediately confiscated.

In September, 1968, information was received that a student at East Tennessee State University (ETSU), Johnson City, Tennessee, had enrolled at U-T and this student had been expelled at ETSU previously for passing out literature. This information was immediately furnished to [REDACTED] who advised that U-T would not accept any student who was on probation or in a suspension status from another school and that he would check with U-T officials and see if this student was registered. Because of this, the student was not allowed to enter U-T.

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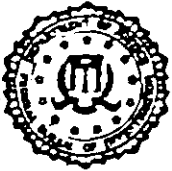
In October, 1968, Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY spoke on the U-T campus and prior to his visit the SSOC planned a silent protest during his appearance. Special Agent [REDACTED] OSI, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that the Air Force ROTC at U-T had been requested by U-T officials to provide an honor guard for Mr. HUMPHREY and that military personnel at U-T were concerned as an honor guard being present during this affair might cause the SSOC to start some disturbance that would embarrass members of the honor guard.

[REDACTED] stated discussions were held as to the possibility of some way to get out of having this honor guard and finally came up with the excuse that since HUMPHREY was appearing as a Presidential candidate and not as a representative of the Vice Presidency of the United States he was not entitled to this guard. U-T officials were advised of this decision and the problem was settled without further discussion.

[REDACTED] stated if HUMPHREY had appeared in the capacity of Vice President there would have been no way for the Air Force ROTC to deny him this guard.

[REDACTED] indicated that the SSOC might have created some embarrassing situation during this affair had the honor guard been present, it being noted that the guard would have to act in a military manner regardless of what action was taken by the students.

Since the SSOC is in the formative stages on the U-T campus, no counterintelligence program is being recommended at this time. This organization is under investigation in order to obtain background data and leading members and when information is received concerning the possibility of any counterintelligence action, Bureau authority will be requested.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Knoxville, Tennessee  
July 2, 1968

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[REDACTED] University of Tennessee (U-T),  
Knoxville, Tennessee, advised November 2, 1967, that General  
Maxwell Taylor, retired, former Chief of Staff and former  
Ambassador to Vietnam, spoke at the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium  
located on the U-T campus on November 1, 1967, at 8:00 PM.

[REDACTED] stated that an anti-Vietnam war demonstration  
had been scheduled after the conclusion of this speech and  
that demonstrators were to march from the Alumni Memorial  
Gymnasium to the Student Center where General Taylor was  
to have a reception; however, this reception was called  
off and no march or demonstration to the Student Center  
occurred.

[REDACTED] stated that a group of approximately 15 anti-  
Vietnam war demonstrators gathered in the parking lot near  
the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium and some of these demonstrators  
were carrying signs denouncing the U. S. stand in the war in  
Vietnam. Approximately 75 to 100 individuals also gathered  
in the parking lot carrying placards which indicated support  
of the policy of the U. S. in this war.

[REDACTED] stated no violence of any nature occurred  
during this affair other than the individuals supporting the  
Vietnam war threw some eggs at the anti-Vietnam war demonstrators.

[REDACTED] advised that prior to the speech by General  
Taylor, 15 anti-Vietnam demonstrators were outside the  
Alumni Memorial Gymnasium carrying placards in a peaceful  
manner; however, they were not allowed to enter the gymnasium.  
One demonstrator, however, gained entrance and placed an

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anti-Vietnam sign on the wall, which was immediately taken down and this individual was escorted outside the building by U-T campus police.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised March 18, 1968, that in the Fall of 1967 a student organization known as the Vietnam Education Committee (VEC) presented a constitution to the officials of U-T requesting approval to organize on the campus.

Source stated this constitution indicated it was "to educate U-T students by exchange of views and putting forth an alternative view to the Administration's policy in Vietnam," and the VEC was opened to any U-T student and faculty member in sympathy of the purposes of the VEC. Source advised that the VEC was approved as a campus organization on February 20, 1968, and that [REDACTED] at U-T, was listed as a faculty advisor and [REDACTED] a graduate student at U-T, was listed as chairman. Source furnished a copy of the VEC constitution, which is as follows:

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## Vietnam Education Committee Constitution

- I. NAME: The name of the organization is the Vietnam Education Committee.
- II. PURPOSE: To educate University of Tennessee students by exchange of views and by putting forth an alternative view to the U.S. Government's administration's policy in Vietnam.
- III. MEMBERS ELIGIBILITY: Open to any student or faculty member in sympathy with the purpose. Any member serving as an officer must maintain a "C" average.
- IV. FACULTY ADVISOR: There shall be at least one faculty advisor selected by the Vietnam Education Committee. He shall be in a position to advise and be kept informed of activities of the Vietnam Education Committee. He will serve a term of one quarter.
- V. MEETINGS: We will meet at least twice a month and as needed.
- VI. MEMBERSHIP DUES: Dues will be 1 dollar per year. All funds shall be turned over to the Student Faculty Organizations Board. In the event that the committee is dissolved, all funds will be turned over to the Friends Service Committee.
- VII. OFFICERS: There will be a steering committee of 5 members selected by the V.E.C. Also, the steering committee will have a chairman. These officers will serve for one quarter. A secretary-treasurer will serve one year. The function of the steering committee is to organize and serve as leaders of the committee. The chairman of the committee will preside over meetings of the steering committee. The secretary-treasurer will handle funds and keep records. The chairman of the steering committee will be selected from the members of the steering committee by the members of the V.E.C.
- VIII. ELECTIONS: Elections will be by secret ballot. Nominations will be at the first meeting of the quarter, voting at the second meeting. Voters must be paid members of the committee having attended at least two meetings.

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote on any motion which has been offered at the previous meeting.

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[REDACTED] U-T, advised March 29, 1968, that General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service System, Washington, D. C., spoke March 28, 1968, at a banquet held in the ballroom of the University Center, which was sponsored by the Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boys Scouts of America.

[REDACTED] stated that prior to the speech by General Hershey approximately 500 individuals, mostly students and observers, gathered around the University Center. In addition, members of the VEC, wearing black arm bands around their right arms, were present. He stated that the VEC indicated that a peaceful demonstration would be held between 6:00 and 8:00 PM on March 28, 1968. At 8:00 PM these VEC demonstrators dispersed; however, a few of the VEC demonstrators carried signs protesting U. S. involvement in the war in Vietnam. *Tenn*

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] a leader of the VEC, stood at the entrance of the University Center and held an American Flag; however, no entrances or walks were blocked and the demonstration was held in a peaceful manner.

[REDACTED] did state that approximately 25 students gathered on the south side of the University Center and were singing and yelling, "We will not go"; however, when this group was approached and told a meeting was being held at the University Center and that actually they were violating the civil rights of those inside in that they were being denied a peaceful meeting and after several warnings, this group quieted down and moved away from the area.

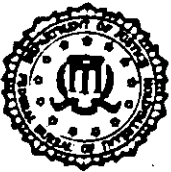
[REDACTED] stated that around 9:40 PM [REDACTED] was arrested by campus police at U-T for carrying a loaded .22 rifle and when he was observed in the vicinity of the University Center with this gun, he appeared to be under the influence of something. During the time of the arrest of [REDACTED] he was creating a disturbance and yelling, "I am the God damn son-of-a bitch who has fought in Vietnam." *TENN*



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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] advised him on March 29, 1968, that [REDACTED] was a U-T student in 1965 and that on one occasion [REDACTED] was in the Administration Building, became angry with someone and rammed his fist through some glass in the door and had to be treated at the University Clinic. [REDACTED] also indicated that [REDACTED] while a student at U-T, indicated that he was going to commit suicide. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] visited him on March 28, 1968, and was "shabbily dressed" and told [REDACTED] that he had been in the Navy two and one-half years and while he was in Vietnam he had been bitten by a dog and this had affected him mentally. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he was sent home recently by the U. S. Navy and was to receive a medical discharge.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Knoxville, Tennessee  
July 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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[REDACTED], Knoxville, Tennessee, advised March 9, 1968, that at approximately 4:45 AM this date a Checker cab was dispatched to the Knoxville College (KC) campus and that later around 5:18 AM, the Knoxville Police Department received a call from the Checker Cab Company that this cab was being stoned and that the driver needed assistance.

[REDACTED] stated a short time later Dr. Robert L. Owens, III, President of KC, visited the Knoxville Police Department and indicated that he did not want police officers sent to the KC campus and indicated he had sent college students to aid this cab driver.

[REDACTED] indicated that approximately 6:00 AM information was received at the Knoxville Police Department that the Checker Cab had been burned and the driver, [REDACTED] was found in the vicinity of the cab shot.

Records of the Knoxville Police Department indicated that on the night of March 8, 1968, a group of Negro boys were in possession of Molotov cocktails near the KC campus and when they were approached, these Negro boys abandoned a bag containing these Molotov cocktails and the officers pursued this group onto the KC campus, arresting one individual by the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KC, indicated that at approximately 3:00 AM, March 9, 1968, he obtained information that a building on the KC campus was to be burned and when he reported to work at the KC campus, there were several students, both male and female, outside

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Davis Hall, a boys' dormitory, and that Dr. Robert L. Owens, III, and other security officers were present.

[REDACTED] stated that a male student using a bull horn or loud speaker was urging the students to come out of the dormitories and join the crowd. T-NU

He stated shortly thereafter [REDACTED] a KC student, approached Dr. Owens and asked what was going to be done about the students that had been arrested by the Knoxville Police Department who came onto the campus to arrest them. At this time [REDACTED] asked Dr. Owens to go to the police station and demand that something be done about the students, at which time Dr. Owens indicated he would go there himself and obtain the details.

[REDACTED] drove Dr. Owens to the police station and later five students, including [REDACTED] arrived and [REDACTED] demanded what he was going to do about the students, at which time Dr. Owens indicated they were all arrested legally.

[REDACTED] indicated that he and Dr. Owens returned to the KC campus and when they arrived at the residence of Dr. Owens, there were several students conversing with Mrs. Owens and were using rude language. When Dr. Owens arrived, [REDACTED] again demanded to know what he was going to do concerning the arrested students and again Dr. Owens advised that they were all legally arrested, and he tried to calm the crowd.

On March 14, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that he was in charge of the investigation concerning the murder of the cab driver on the KC campus March 9, 1968, and indicated approximately 100 to 125 individuals, including students, officials, and employees of KC, have been interviewed.

T-NU [REDACTED] advised April 4, 1968, that [REDACTED] all KC students, have been charged with possessing explosives (Molotov cocktails) and conspiracy to burn a girls' dormitory and gymnasium at KC. In addition, he stated that [REDACTED] has

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been charged with felonious assault in connection with the shooting of [REDACTED] and the burning of the cab and the trial for these individuals is set for April 29-30, 1968, in Criminal Court, Knoxville, Tennessee.

[REDACTED] advised in late April and early May, 1968, that the trial of the three KC students was delayed on May 1, 1968, because one of the defense attorneys was ill, and on May 2, 1968, it was ascertained that this defense attorney was in the hospital and the case was declared a mistrial and the defendants returned to the Knox County Jail.

In the May 22, 1968, issue of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, a daily publication, Knoxville, Tennessee, there appeared an article which indicated that the trial for [REDACTED] had been reset for July 22, 1968.

On May 1, 1968, Dr. Robert L. Owens, III, advised that approximately 10:00 PM on April 30, 1968, some 15 to 20 KC students after attending a student meeting on the KC campus, visited him at his residence and presented three demands. He stated the students indicated that they wanted more money to have social affairs, KC to furnish legal protection and advice regarding students being interviewed by the Knoxville Police Department, and that President Owens and other KC officials make a statement on behalf of the three KC students who are presently on trial at Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dr. Owens informed the students that it was his opinion that they were being provided enough money for social activities and that he would contact the legal counsel for the college and get his views in reference to their demands concerning legal protection for KC students. Dr. Owens indicated that the students criticized him and other college officials for not standing behind the three imprisoned KC students and that no one at KC had done anything to get these students out on bond; however, Dr. Owens told the students these were only three students out of 900 on the campus and that no one should expect

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him to spend all his time in connection with their problems. Dr. Owens asked these students what they had done in reference to the imprisoned students and they admitted they had done nothing.

Dr. Owens stated these students still demanded that he do something definite and that if he did not, they would boycott classes on May 1, 1968.

Dr. Owens stated that on May 1, 1968, each class had approximately two or three students attending; however, majority of the students were milling around the campus and rumors were being passed that KC students would picket or boycott the trial in Knoxville, Tennessee, concerning the three imprisoned KC students.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 6-7, 1968, that classes were back to normal on the KC campus and that on May 3, 1968, most of the students were back in the classes; however, on May 1 and 2, 1968, several students did attend the trial of the three KC students and when the judge declared it a mistrial on May 2, 1968, most of the students seemed to be satisfied and returned to the campus.

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3687) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
IS - DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT

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Re Bureau letter to Albany dated 5/28/68;  
Knoxville letter to Bureau 5/28/68 captioned  
"VIETNAM EDUCATION COMMITTEE (VEC),  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville,  
Tennessee, INFORMATION CONCERNING -  
INTERNAL SECURITY."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies each of a  
letterhead memorandum pertaining to disturbances during the  
past year at the University of Tennessee and Knoxville  
College, Knoxville, Tennessee. (u)

Source mentioned in LHM at University of Tennessee  
is [REDACTED] Confidential Source on College Campus,  
[REDACTED] University of Tennessee. (u)

For the information of the Bureau, sources of the  
Knoxville Division have not furnished any information regard-  
ing any organization of new left groups in existence on  
college campuses in the Knoxville Division.

The Knoxville Division has 20 pending cases,  
including the three Knoxville College students presently  
awaiting trial regarding the incident that occurred at the  
Knoxville College campus 9/9/68. (u)

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The Knoxville Division has the following coverage on the campus at the University of Tennessee:

[REDACTED] (u)

[REDACTED] (u)

[REDACTED] (u)

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This division has the following coverage on the campus at Knoxville College:

[REDACTED] (u)

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[REDACTED] (u)

Five other members of the Security Department

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It is felt that if any organization becomes active the above-mentioned sources will become aware of and furnish this information. All sources have been alerted to immediately furnish any information they may obtain concerning this matter. (u)

[redacted] and [redacted] have advised that school at Knoxville College is out until the Fall of 1968 and students have returned home; however, those students and others who have been involved in disturbances during the last academic year will not be allowed to return to school next fall. (u)

[redacted] indicated she is a strict disciplinarian, is not going to have any unruly students at Knoxville College, and that she is going to do everything she can in order to get rid of any undesirable students. (u)

[redacted] has advised that a [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] (u)

In view of the fact that no information has been received that the new left movement has been organized in the Knoxville Division, no counterintelligence program is being recommended at this time. This matter is being followed closely and if any information is received that any new left movement becomes active, the Bureau will be advised and appropriate steps taken. (u)

Knoxville Division does not anticipate any violence on the Knoxville campuses during the forthcoming school year, this being based on information received over the past year and comments recently made by [redacted] and [redacted] (u)

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FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3687)

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*Thompson (p. 3)*

Re Knoxville letter to the Bureau dated 5/31/68,  
Bureau letter to Albany dated 5/23/68, and Bureau airtel to  
Albany dated 6/6/68.

In referenced letter dated 5/23/68, it was requested  
that information be obtained concerning the following items:

1. False Allegations of Police Brutality

For the information of the Bureau, the Knoxville  
Office has not received any information concerning this  
matter.

2. Immorality

Sources of the Knoxville Office have been furnished  
any information concerning the scurrilous and depraved nature  
of characters, activities, habits and living conditions con-  
nected with New Left adherents.

3. Action by College Administrators

In Knoxville letter to the Bureau dated 5/31/68 on  
pages 2 and 3, information was set forth regarding

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[REDACTED] Knoxville College (KC), Knoxville, Tennessee.

[REDACTED], East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, advised 5/31/68 that the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) is attempting to become affiliated at this school and that an individual by the name of [REDACTED] from Nashville, Tennessee and a former Vanderbilt student is passing out literature of this organization to the students. [REDACTED] indicated that the school administration is trying to prevent this organization from becoming active on the campus.

On 6/3/68, [REDACTED] advised that several copies of a typed letter entitled "Students Are People Too" have been distributed on the campus, this paper being distributed by eight students with the assistance of [REDACTED] who is the [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] located off the campus.

[REDACTED] indicated this typed letter contained false and inflammatory statements, and later these students were questioned by the University Discipline Committee.

On 6/12/68, [REDACTED] at the above school, advised that the above eight students were suspended from this college for passing out the above literature.

In the 5/12/68 issue of the Knoxville News-Sentinel daily publication, Knoxville, Tennessee, there appeared an article entitled "They Disobeyed Rules."

This article indicated that President ELMER P. GIBSON, Morristown College, Morristown, Tennessee, dismissed 11 coed students earlier this month because they rebelled when told to improve their housekeeping and to observe dormitory sign-in and sign-out regulations.

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After several meetings between college officials and these students, President GIBSON appeared before the Trustees of this college. In a speech by President GIBSON before the full board of trustees during the annual session held in Morristown, Tennessee, Dr. GIBSON stated "the college must have order on its campus if it is to safeguard its scholarship and its moral atmosphere."

Dr. GIBSON further stated "the college must be free, acting within its rights as described by its charter and its policies under the charter, to perform its functions. I believe that it is important that we seek not only to inculcate in our students a thirst for knowledge, but in their search for truth to implant within them the seeds of responsible social and moral behavior."

In Bureau airtel dated 6/6/68, it was suggested that security informants could possibly be utilized to cover Key Activists of New Left activities. In addition, it was requested that consideration be given to obtaining from military intelligence agencies identities of military intelligence personnel who have been recently discharged or are about to be discharged as many of these individuals may be entering college. In addition, it was requested that close and continuous liaison with military agencies in each area be made so that the Bureau can obtain all information developed by them. It was suggested that individuals connected with these agencies might attend college on a full or part-time basis and could be utilized as campus sources.

For information of the Bureau, the Knoxville Division at the present time does not have any security informants.

Contact will be made with local military intelligence groups in regard to the above. If any information is received concerning the above, it will be immediately furnished to the Bureau.

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Date: 5/31/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3687)

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFTRe Bureau letter to Albany dated 5/10/68,  
with copy to Knoxville.

In reference letter information set forth that the Bureau was instituting a Counterintelligence Program directed against the New Left movement and its Key Activists. Each office instructed to open active control file for the purpose to expose, disrupt, and otherwise neutralize the activities of the various New Left organizations, their leadership, and adherents.

For the information of the Bureau, sources of the Knoxville Division have been contacted on a continuing basis in reference to any active participation to the New Left movement or its Key Activists in this division.

As of this date no information has been received that any group in reference to the above has been organized in this division, such as the SDS, SSOC, SNCC, SCEP, W.E.B. DuBois Clubs, etc.

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A Branch of the Nation of Islam (NOI) was organized in Knoxville, Tennessee, around January, 1967, and has approximately six or seven members, including a confidential source. Information received to date from confidential sources indicates this organization not making any headway in Knoxville and that the teachings of the NOI are not being accepted by the majority of the Negroes in Knoxville.

For the information of the Bureau an incident occurred at Knoxville College (KC), an all Negro college, Knoxville, Tennessee, on 3/9/68, in which Negro police came on the campus and arrested some Negro students and shortly thereafter during the same night a white cab driver was called to the campus to pick up a fare and he was later killed and his cab burned. Prior to this cab's coming on the campus, KC students visited ROBERT L. OWENS, III, President of KC, and demanded that he not allow police to enter the campus as it was private property. Other meetings between Dr. OWENS and KC students have occurred and Dr. OWENS has informed these students that police will be allowed to come on the campus whenever laws are broken. On one occasion KC students visited Dr. OWENS' residence and one student used obscene language in his house at which time Dr. OWENS immediately told this person and other students present if any more obscene language was used, he would personally throw them out of his house and that if they did not believe him just to try it.

Dr. OWENS as well as Miss MOZELLE ROBINSON, Assistant Dean of Students at KC, have advised that school is out until the Fall of 1968 and the students have returned home; however, the students and others who have been

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involved in differences during the past academic year will not be allowed to return to school next Fall.

Miss ROBINSON has indicated that she is a strict disciplinarian and she is not going to have any unruly students at KC and if students do not "tow the mark" she is going to do everything she can in order to get rid of them.

Dr. OWENS has advised that as President of KC, he is going to operate this college as a respectable educational institution, and never intends to give in to any petty demands of students, such as their asking for better food, more money for social affairs, doing away with the campus police, and other petty requests.

Dr. OWENS and Miss ROBINSON advised recently that no regular school is being held at KC this summer and the only programs being held are the Upward Bound Program to aid students to qualify for college entrance requirements.

On 5/31/68 [REDACTED] College, Johnson City, Tennessee, advised SA [REDACTED] that school has been dismissed for the summer, however, prior to this dismissal, one or two individuals have been passing out Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) literature, which is located in Nashville, Tennessee. She stated that she does not anticipate any activity by this organization during the summer months, however, it may be reinstated during the Fall Quarter.

[REDACTED] East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, advised SA [REDACTED] on 5/31/68 that SSOC is attempting to become affiliated

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at this school and that an individual by the name of [REDACTED] from Nashville, Tennessee, and a former Vanderbilt student, is passing out SOOC literature to the students. Dean [REDACTED] indicated that the school administration is trying to prevent this organization from becoming active on the campus, however, he does not know at this time the final results of their action.

In view of the fact that no information has been received that the New Left movement has been organized in the Knoxville Division, no Counterintelligence Program is being recommended at this time. This matter is being followed closely and if any information is received that the New Left movement or any Key Activists are active in this division, the Bureau will be advised and appropriate steps will be taken to institute this program.